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Editorial Gossip

The Fisherman.

He riseth up early in the morning
and disturbeth the whole household.
Mighty are his preparations.
He goeth forth full of hope.
When the day is far spent he returneth
smelling of strong drink, and the
truth is not in him.—K. C. Star.

We had one day this year that was
"rarer" than Tennyson's "day in
June"—the 29th of February.

Since the sale of Mrs. Guinness' personal
property her name is seldom seen
in the public prints. Fame is fleeting!

Belleville and Republic county had a
very exciting time last week, judging
from the Freeman. A bank robbery,
eight June weddings, a suicide and a
death were a few of the events to break
the monotony.

It used to be a by-word with all
easterners that "it never rains in Kan-
sas." After the deluge and conse-
quent floods of this year and last we
wonder if this shouldn't be "it ever
rains in Kansas."

Rainfall Breaks the Record.

The State Experiment Station located
at this city is keeping an accurate
record of many things which are of
great interest and importance to the
people of Ellis county. Among the
statistics is the exact amount of rain-
fall each month. G. K. Helder, secre-
tary, gives the amount of rainfall in
the past two weeks as 5.15 inches,
which breaks all previous records since
the Station has been established. Of
this amount over three inches fell last
Saturday and Sunday.

Essex Club Building About Ready.

The Kreuger building which was pur-
chased a few months ago by the Essex
Club, a club of about thirty-five young
men of Hays, has undergone a trans-
formation on the interior. When com-
pleted it will be one of the handsomest
club houses in the state. The first
floor, which has been beautifully fitted
up for a ball room, has indeed under-
gone a metamorphosis. An interior
stairway on the south side of the first
floor leads to the second floor; in the
south west corner of the room is a lit-
tle platform for the orchestra; four
large electric fans with chandeliers are
on this floor; the room is very beauti-
fully papered in a Holland style and
has a smooth floor of hard maple. The
first floor also contains the ladies' cloak
and toilet room. The second floor has
been partitioned off into three large
rooms and a smaller room, which lat-
ter is now being fitted for a toilet and
bath room for the free use of the mem-
bers. To the front of the second floor
are the library and parlor which are
joined by a large double door. On the
north-west side just back of the parlor
is the spacious billiard room. The third
story, which will not be fitted up just
at present, will constitute the banquet
hall and kitchen. All the rooms are
fitted with electric lights and will also
be supplied with fans.

It is the aim of the club to remodel
the front of the building and put in
large plate glass windows, but this will
not be done until later.

The Essex Club has announced a
public reception to the people of Hays
on the evening of July 4 and the oc-
casion will undoubtedly be the biggest
social event Hays has had for years.
The formal opening of the building
will be celebrated by the club members
and their ladies July 3. The noted
Springer's Orchestra of Salina has been
engaged for the two days.

After running the Beloit Gazette for
twenty-five years, S. H. and G. H.
Dodge have sold it to F. W. Swan of
Emporia, who is now in charge. S. H.
Dodge is one of the best known news-
paper men in the state and for many
years was one of the regents of the
State Normal schools.



Whose Little Girl?



Oh, whose little girl can this be, I
wonder?
Will nobody tell me before I blunder?
Her hair is tied with a fluffy bow,
And mother has fixed up her curls "just
so!"
All dressed in her best with her "new
suo's" under—
Oh, whose little girl can she be, I wonder?

Has anyone lost such a bit of sweetness?
A wee honey-bun—oh, all curls and neat-
ness?
Her eyes are the brown of the maple's
gleam
Deep down in the depths of an Autumn
stream!
I'm sure if she's lost there are hearts
sunder—
Oh, whose little girl can she be, I won-
der?

Her lips are the souls of two pure, red
roses
When dew on the tips of their bloom re-
poses;
The ring to her laughter is Clio's art
And comes from a gay little sugar heart;
Her mouth it was made by the angel's
fingers—
Just right—well, to give you a kiss that
lingers!

Oh, whose little girl can she be, I won-
der,
With eyes all a-dance, and the dimples
under?
What's that? Oh, you say you are
"daddy's girl!"
And mamma's, too, "tause your hair 'a in
turl!"
Well, well! I can scarcely believe your
story—
I thought you a bud from the fields of
glory!

I thought, with your tangle of curls and
dimples,
With light in your eyes like the sun-
kissed whimples—
I thought you a bloom from the meadowed
sky.
A bit of the heaven from way up high!
And mamma and papa—what blest com-
plices—
To own such a rare little bunch of
sweetness!

Chicken Feed Philosophy.
The good deeds we do are the jewels
in the diadem of today.

Our ambitions, like the stars, are
ever too high to be entirely reached.

How few sunrises the majority of us
see—and yet a sunrise is one of the
prettiest of Nature's pictures.

Many a woman turns on the light
during an electrical storm, hoping to
see the lightning's bolt in time to
dodge it.

One star does not light the heavens,
but a myriad of stars illuminate the
dome into a canopy of beauty. One
man alone is weak, but mankind,
strong in unison, are the light of the
world.

Sighs.
When a woman sighs and looks,
If she pleases you, beware—
This is leap year and she may
Pop the question—so, take care!

Line for Line.
Dark skies, dark thoughts.
The modern trusts are the slave-
drivers of today.
The slanderer and the dog-poisoner
lie down together.
I like a man who sleeps well. He is
sure to be good-natured.
No man should pay more than an
honest profit for what he eats and
wears. More than this is usury.

Flashes of Thought.
Silence betrays no man.
No one can sin and escape payment.

The man who smiles has half the
battle won.
Everybody loves the man who sings
at his work.

It is easy to be brave when one
courts death.
Sorrow shows us more truths than
all the books.

It is noble to be silent when you are
angry enough to quarrel.
Sound is the bow that plays upon
the strings of our hearts.

The size of the house has nothing
to do with the amount of love in it.

The stars are ever a continual source
of interest to one who studies their
mysteries.

Byron Williams

Announcements.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candi-
date for state senator in the 39th sena-
torial district of Kansas, subject to the
will of the republican voters of the
district. WM. WELLS, Hill City, Kans.

FOR CONGRESSMAN.

I am a candidate for the Republican
nomination for congressman of the
Sixth District. In this notice it is not
practicable to state the measures I
believe in, but hope to be able to state
them publicly in all parts of the dis-
trict between this and August 4th, next.
Stockton, Kansas. W. B. HAM.

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